AN ADDRESS

From the

JUSTICES of the PEACE

Of the

COUNTY of *MIDDLESEX*,

As it was Ordered by the Court at

HICKS'S HALL,

And Humbly presented to

His MAJESTY

By the Body of the said Justices, On *Munday*, the Eighteenth of *April*, 1681.

WITH

HIS MAJESTIES

Gracious Answer.

Dublin, Reprinted by *Benjamin Tooke* and *John Crook*, Printers to the King's Most Excellent Majestie; And are to be sold by *Mary Crook* and *Andrew Crook* at His Majesties Printing-house in *Skinner-Row*, 1681.

Middſx. Ad generalem Quarterialem Seſſionem pacis Domini Regis, tent' per Adjornament' pro Com' Midd' apud *Hicks's-hall in St. John-ſtreet* in Com' præd' die Sabbati ſcil't decimo ſexto die Aprilis Anno Regni Regis *Caroli* Secundi nunc Angl' &c. Triceſimo Tertiò.

The ANSWER *of His Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace to the Meſſage ſent to them from His Majeſty by the right Honourable Sir* Leoline Jenkins *Principal Secretary of State, as alſo their Humble and Thankful Acknowledgment of His Majeſties Grace and Favour to His Subjects expreſſed in His Majeſties Declaration lately Publiſhed by His Command.*

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE, your Majeſties moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects; your Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace for this your County of *Middleſex*, having by your Majeſties Command received a Signification from the right Honourable Sir *Leoline Jenkins*, by Letter dated the Fifteenth of *April* inſtant, That it is your Majeſties Pleaſure we ſhould Depute ſome of our Body to Wait upon the right Honourable the Lords of your Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy-Council, to propoſe Ways and Methods for the putting in Execution, with Effect, the Statute made in the 43 Year of Queen *Elizabeth* for the Relief of the Poor, in purſuance of a Petition heretofore by us preſented to your Majeſty for that end, have with all readineſs obeyed your Majeſties Command, and have Deputed ſome of our Body to wait upon the Lords. And as we cannot but with all Humility acknowledge your Majeſties tranſcendent Goodneſs, and Charity to the Poor, in reminding us of our Duty, for their Relief, ſo (with your Majeſties leave) we muſt preſume to ſay, That we eſteem our ſelves obliged to lay hold on this ſeaſonable Opportunity to make our further Humble Acknowledgment to your Majeſty withall Gratitude for that moſt Gracious Declaration lately Publiſhed by your Majeſties Command, by which your Majeſty

is pleaſed to put your People in mind of the Miſeries they endured (when the Monarchy was ſhaken off) by thoſe moſt Illegal and Arbitrary Powers, (who moſt Tyrannically diſpoſed of the Lives and Fortunes of your good Subjects at their pleaſuers, and left them neither Religion, Liberty or Property,) And that your Majeſty is Graciouſly pleaſed to give us your Royal Word to Govern according to the Laws of the Kingdom, which cannot but Extinguiſh, and thereby quiet the Fears and Jealouſies of all rational, and good Men, and we hope bring them to a right Senſe of their Duty to your Majeſty, and their own Intereſt, and make them confident they ſhall enjoy their Religion, Liberty and Property. And for our own parts, we do aſſure your moſt Sacred Majeſty, It hath made ſo deep an Impreſſion in us, that we unanimouſly Reſolve our Lives and Fortunes ſhall be at your Majeſties Service, for the Defence of your Majeſties moſt Sacred Perſon from Danger (whom God preſerve) and for the preſervation of the true Proteſtant Religion, and your Majeſties Government in Church and State as by Law eſtabliſhed.

Per Cur'
ADDERLEY.

Preſented to His Majeſty by the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid County in a Body.

Whereunto His Majeſty was pleaſed to return this Gracious Anſwer,

Gentlemen,

I Heartily thank you for your Addreſs, and for your Aſſurance of Aſſiſting Me in the Support of the Church of England *as by Law it is Eſtabliſhed. I am an utter Enemy to all Arbitrary Proceedings, and ſhall Endeavour as much as in Me lies to Maintain the Legal Rights and Properties of My Subjects, it being the beſt, if not the only Way for the Preſerving the Publick Peace.*

FINIS.